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Dear Bill:

Thanks ever so much for your information, on Heron Island. From what we can see, and from Syd Rubbo's advice, we're fortunate to be able to dovetail this so nicely with our visit to Brisbane. By all means please request the bookings indicated in your letter. Fennes also wrote that this will work out very well with our departure from Canberra.

Rather astonishingly, we saw Rubbo in Chicago yesterday, on his way back to Melbourne from a conference in Moscow on tuberculosis chemotherapy. This was very fortunate as we were able to adjust a number of details, some of which are reflected on the revised itinerary.

As I understand it, Rubbo has been in contact with Professor Skerman as regards our formal business in Brisbane, lectures, fares, etc. I hesitate to add to the discussion for fear of confusing the plans, and we will, of course, follow any arrangements that are made on our behalf. However do give Professor Skerman our best regards.

It is evident that the itinerary leaves us the rest of the week (at least all of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) for us in Brisbane, following return from Heron Island, and I will be very happy to do anything you ask during that interval. What I would most likely talk about would be 1) a general survey of genetic mechanisms in bacteria, and 2) some of our most recent work on protoplasts and L-forms of E. coli.

Time is getting on and there may not be enough for your reply here. However, I will look for a letter from you in Sydney or Canberra to confirm these arrangements; do please give us what advance warning you can if anything goes wrong.

Till next month,

Yours sincerely,

  
Joshua Lederberg

P.S. Rubbo is making some other plans for us, not yet very definite, for Saturday & Sunday, Aug 31-Sept 1.